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Ms. Jean Strickland-

The enclosed printout re: Thomas Andrew Bates, Pvt, 13th Mississippi Volunteers, Co. H & K, 1861-1865 will explain my interest in researching MS, and AL records and old newspapers. Jackie Saxon a great friend I know only through months of E-mail exchanges on Prodigy (computer network), tells me you have "printed" many MS records which would be otherwise unavailable to non-residents.

T.A. Bates was my great grandfather and a man, who like many in the South was devoted to the Confederacy and dedicated to preserving the culture and way of life he believed in. It is only in the last year that I have uncovered his military record (13 battles, severly wounded twice, captured in Dec '63 and paroled in VA just before Lee's surrender. I want my grandsons to know of him and more details than I have uncovered as yet.

I have tracked him from his 190 mile trip from Stonewall, Clarke Co., MS to →

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Corinth, Ms where he enlisted, May 1861.
Post-war we found him in Philadephia,
Ms in the Fed. 1870 and 1880 Censuses.
Many of my great aunts and uncles
and my grandfather were born in
Ms during that period. About 1893
he moved to Wise Co., TX near
Decatur and he and several children
show up there in 1900 Census,
But WIFE, Sarah L. Robinson
b. MS, 1850 had died; date of birth
and county, unknown; date of death
and Co. unknown.
T.A. was born in "Dibb" (on his pension
papers), must be Bibb Co., AL, 1839.

D) Don't know parents' names.
but his father was b. in GA; his
Mother b. N.C. All else is a
mystery, now. Have written to TX for
his death certif. it may answer
the question of parent's names.

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In addition to b. + d. dates and places, I hope to pursue land entry records, court abstracts, and I fervently hope I may find old newspapers which may list births, obits, etc. plus give me some "local" color about the towns or countryside where he and his parents lived.

I'd like to "flesh out" the records to imbue him with the personality and character which was unique and peculiar to him.

Tall order, I know!

Please tell me what you have in print and prices for copies. (I have assumed you do publish and sell the data you research. Thanks for listening.

Thomas J. Bates

(known as, Jack)

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Re; THOMAS ANDREW BATES, b. 1839-40
Bibb Co. Alabama JAN '92

To all of you who have helped me trace my great grandfather, THOMAS ANDREW BATES, through Neshoba Co., MS, the 13th Mississippi Volunteers, Co H and K 1861 through 1865, and into Wise Co. TX:

WE HAVE NEWS which answers some questions while it poses some new ones. All the past week I have watched nightly episodes of "The Civil War" featuring Shelby Foote as commentator and story teller. It was not as I expected, a re-enactment of bugles and battles. Rather, it was a very moving documentary with many photos of men and places plus accompanying narration from several diaries and accounts of that period. The horror of the slaughter was seen in countless photos of the mass destruction of so many lives. How any man could survive those awful years and keep his faith is a tribute to their character and the dedication those men felt. Thousands deserted, but more thousands stayed on, including Thomas Andrew Bates who was captured only because he was severely wounded. He spent more than a year in prison and then was paroled in VA in Feb 1865. In his words on his pension application (WHICH I RECEIVED TODAY) x x x

" I was sent to Virginia x x x but did not reach my command before the surrender of Lee and did not therefore get a written discharge."

At another point regarding witnesses to his service, and this is an 73 year old Confederate vet speaking as he applies for a Texas pension: *"I cannot find any comrades who served in the war with me."* He probably didn't realize that of the more than 1000 men who started out with him, May 1861 in the 13th Mississippi, only 54 were left at the end! That was a poignant moment for me when I read that in his own handwriting. I am so GRATEFUL to the good people of Texas and other states of the South who cared enough to help these loyal men in their declining years. But to balance the sad moments,

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we now have ANSWERS FORMERLY MISSING:

NATIVITY INFO: Thomas Andrew Bates
BORN: 1839 in "Dibb" (must have meant Bibb Co.) Alabama.
FATHER born in GEORGIA, 18??
MOTHER born in NORTH CAROLINA, 18??
} Names unknown 1/92
RESIDED: Neshoba Co MS 1880 per census. & 1870
MOVED TO: Wise Co. TX 1893.
MOVED TO: Halsell, Clay Co, Tx in 1909. Buried there, but grave moved to Henrietta, Clay Co., TX when Halsell covered by Lake Arrowhead.
MILITARY SERVICE: 13th Mississippi Volunteers, May 1861-1865. Enlisted Corinth, MS; travelled 190 miles from Stonewall, MS.

Applied for pension in Clay Co, TX Aug 1913. Probably was living near a dau who married a GENTRY and lived near Wichita Falls (we think). Two Gentry men signed as witnesses to application.

DIED: 1 May 1925, (age 85) Ft. Worth, TX at home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Hammett his dau and Son/law.

BURIED: ????? See notes in margin, above

HIS WIFE, Sarah L. Robinson, b. 1850 MS, month & place, and parents unknown. who was not listed in the household of Widower Bates in the 1900 Census of Wise Co, TX probably died in childbirth in MS 1885 (unresolved). possibly d. Neshoba Co. 1885

I don't think there is room enough left to thank you enough for all your help, but believe me you have my heartfelt thanks. <Thomas J. Bates> (Jack)

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~~22~~, ~~28~~, ~~45~~, ~~65~~, ~~69~~, ~~97~~, 152, ~~278~~, ~~297~~, ~~294~~, 326, ~~338~~, ~~315~~, ~~269~~, ~~292~~, ~~299~~, & 306.
Please also copy the WARDs from the SC Jury Lists.

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Thanks for your excellent advice. Searching Catholic records was another good lesson for me. Let me know how much money to send "Postage Only" does not sound like near enough.

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I will be looking forward to hearing from you & the library. If there is any thing I can do to help you or the library just let me know.
Ron

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HOMELIFE
TOPIC: GENEALOGY RESOURCES
TIME: 02/14 1:14 AM

TO: ALL
FROM: J BATES (JSWV61A)
SUBJECT: MS - CEM. RECORDS

Need help locating death and burial information for:

Sarah L. BATES (nee Robinson) b. MS 1850, month and place unknown. Believe died Neshoba Co., MS about 1885-93. Last child born there in 1885. Wife of Thomas Andrew BATES b. 1839, Bibb Co, AL. Family listed in Fed Census 1870-80 near Philadelphia, Neshoba Co. MS. Sarah was alive in 1880 but was dead when family next appeared in the 1900 census in Wise Co. Texas.

Family moved to TX about 1893.

Know nothing ofthe ROBINSON parents of Sarah L. Robinson BATES nor do we know exact marriage date. Was after Lee's surrender in the spring of 1865 because husband Thomas Andrew Bates had served with the 13th Mississippi, been wounded, imprisoned and released in VA in late Feb 65. He gave Stonewall, Clarke Co, MS as post office address when he enlisted at Corinth, MS in May' 1861 and he was single. Said he was a "Clerk".

Did Thomas A. and Sarah L. meet in Stonewall before the war? Were the Robinsons from Clarke Co? Or was she a member of a Robinson family in Kemper Co. or Neshoba Co., maybe even Lauderdale CO.?

02/13 12:52 am <Jack Bates>

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HOMELIFE
TOPIC: GENEALOGY RESOURCES
TIME: 02/17 5:16 PM

TO: ALL
FROM: HAYS GLOVER, JR. (DKRF97A)
SUBJECT: MS ARCHIVES HELP

I have just learned my G-Grandfather, George Washington Glover, whom we thought was born in GA or AL in 1806 was actually born in what is now Madison County, AL and was in 1806, MS Territory. He was born in the Big Cove area. Can anyone tell me how I might proceed to search in MS for him or the records of the Big Cove Baptist Church?

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MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
JACKSON COUNTY.

To any Judge, Minister, Justice or other Officer Lawfully Authorized to Celebrate the Rites of Matrimony:

You are hereby authorized to celebrate the **RITES OF MATRIMONY** between Mr James Bates and Miss Camille Logans, and you are hereby required to transmit to the undersigned, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, or his successor in office, a CERTIFICATE OF THE MARRIAGE of said parties within six months after the celebration of the same, under the penalty in such cases provided.

Given under my hand and Seal of Office this 24th day of August A. D., 1891.

M M Denny
Clerk Circuit Court.

By virtue of a License from the Clerk of the Circuit Court, I have this day joined in the

HOLY STATE OF MATRIMONY

Mr James Bates

AND

Miss Camille Logans

Given under my Hand and Seal this 24th day of August A. D., 1891

J. B. Wiggington
Justice of the Peace

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MARRIAGE BOND.

The State of Mississippi,
JACKSON COUNTY. } S. S.

Know All Men by these Presents:

That We, James Bates as principal, and F. Frye as security, both of the County of Jackson and State of Mississippi, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Mississippi, in the penal sum of One Hundred Dollars, lawful money, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we and each of us do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Witness our hands, and seals, this 24th day of August A. D., 1891.

The Condition of this Obligation is: That whereas application has been made to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County for a license for the marriage of James Bates and Miss Camille Logans

Now Therefore, if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the marriage for which said license is granted, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence of

J. B. Weggenton Clerk Circuit Court.

James his + mark Bates L.S.

F. Frye L.S.

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State of Mississippi,

Jackson County.

Before me, ~~H. M. Denny, Clerk of the Circuit Court~~ J. B. Wiggington a Justice of the Peace of said County, this day personally appeared James Bates an applicant for license to marry Miss Camille Logans, who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says, that such marriage will not be within the degrees of kindred prohibited by law; that said parties to be married have reached the respective ages prescribed by law for marrying without consent of parent or guardian, and that there is no lawful cause to obstruct such marriage.

Witness J. B. Wiggington J.P.

James his + mark Bates

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24th day of August A. D., 1891.

J. B. Wiggington, Clerk.

02/15 08:16 pmALVIE L. DAVIDSON GENEALOGIST LAKELAND, FL

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HOMELIFE
TOPIC: GENEALOGY SURNAMES
TIME: 02/13 10:13 AM

TO: PATRICIA EDWARDS (CHCT35B)
FROM: J BATES (JSWV61A)
SUBJECT: BATES

Pat--I'm away from my home base, so I have to work from a crowded memory (in my head!). I have been tracking my Bates ancestors in AL, MS, and Texas. With the help of a lot of wonderful people on *P, we have developed a good history of Thomas Andrew Bates, b. 1839 AL, he said Dibb Co (must have meant Bibb) on his civil war pension application in TX in 1913. I have been seeking info about his parents (names?) and his wife, Sarah L. Robinson b. MS 1850 d. before 1895 probably Neshoba Co, MS where all of her children were born. There were many dau, but only two sons, Francis Eugene and Thomas Jefferson Bates, all of whom moved to Wise Co, Tx with the father about 1893.

The Thomas Andrew BATES family was near Philadelphia, Neshoba Co, MS in the 1870 and 1880 Census. I am inclined to think his wife, Sarah died there about 1885 during childbirth. She does not show up on the TX census, 1900. As to the Bates parents, I learned only this week from a death certif of Thomas Andrew BATES that his father's name was Marion BATES, his mother's maiden name was HENLEY/HENLY Putting together names of siblings and grandsons, (one of whom was named Marion Crosby) it is very possible the father was named Francis Marion BATES b. GA or AL and mother was ----?----HENLEY/HENLY b. NC.

For the moment the trail ends there, but I continue to check out any BATES I come across in MS, AL, GA in the early 1800s. Thomas Andrew Bates served 4 years in the 13th Missi ssippi Volunteers, enlisting at Corinth from Stonewall, Clarke Co, MS according to his military record.

If you have anything in file or come across anything which fits in this family, I would love to know it.

I have come across several of the Bates families you mention in my search, also. And as you will note from my sign off, I ALWAYS look at any Thomas Bates.

Thomas John Bates (Jack)

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J: J BATES (JSWV61A)
ROM: ELSIE SAVELL (BDGF98A)
UBJECT: MS--AMITE CO

ack, Larry McPhail, and Pat Edwards, I did not know where
o post this. The Surname board seems so blah when Pat and
ar are collecting some of these folks as families. I guess
will put a note there for folks to look here. Jack's
mention of a Richard BATES decided it for me: From <<Geneal.
Abstracts frm 18 C VA Newspapers>>, Robt K Headley Jr, Gen
Pub Co Inc, Balto, 1987, p 21 [note: these will be in alpha
order instd of chron, alas] BATES, Fleming, late of York
Co, deceased, estate accounts with his executor Benjamin
BATES (Va Gazette and Weekly Advertiser 11 Sep 1784)
BATES, Isaac, of York Co.(VA), deceased, his executor
George CARRINGTON, advertised 487 acres of land belonging to
his estate about 7 miled from Williamsburg near Fleming
BATES's for sale. (Va Gazette 24 Oct 1755).
BATES, James, of York Co VA, deceased, his slaves, livestok
and Household furnishings to be sold by his admix, Elizabeth
BATES (Va Gazette, Richmond 27 Jul 1769).
BATES, James, deceased, estate accounts with Samuel WINSTON
guardian, of Scimmino, York Co. (VA Gazette 26 Dec 1777)
BATES, John, authorizes Fleming BATES to sell his 481 acre
tract on Skiminoe Creek in York Co next to the lands of
James BATES, deceased (VA Gazette Richmond 19 May 1774).
BATES, John, of the 6th Virginia Continental Regiment,
under sentence of a General Court Martial to be shot for de
sertion [Stop laughing, Lowry; I can hear you way over here]
escaped from the public jail in Williamsburg; he is about 25
and will probably attempt to reach Georgia where he has
lived for several years (Va Gazette 24 Apr 1778).
BATES, Richard, servant, ran away from William LIGHTFOOT,
Tedington (Va Gazette 24 Jan 1752).
Well, Jack, that gives you most of the family in one swoop
and Larry McPhail and Pat Edwards can keep your leftovers on
file for future inquiries. I guess poet Robert Frost was
right: Home is the place where, when you have to go there,
they have to take you in. I am glad Mississippi Territory
was there needing our ancient fellows as much as they needed
a place to go.

--Elsie in Maryland

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In the name of God, Amen,
I Joseph Bates Senr. of Baldwin County Mississippi Territory being of sound and perfect memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit, — I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Bates one negro woman named Sarah, also my house and furniture and plantation tools and one eighth of my horned cattle and horses, during her natural life at the expiration of which, to revert to my following sons and daughters, to wit; Thomas Bates Junr. Sarah Powell, and John Bates, Elizabeth Wainright, Rebecca, Martha and Nancy Bates: also I give unto my wife her dower agreable to the law of the land. —
Item. Secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved sons Thomas Bates Junr. Joseph Bates Junior and John Bates all my Real property consisting of two tracts of land, one situated on the east side of the Tombigby, containing one thousand acres, the other on the west side containing ninety acres, in equal shares as joint tenants and not subjecting either party to sell but by the consent of the majority of the above named joint tenants. —
Item, I give unto my daughter Sarah Powell to her and her heirs forever, a negro man named Sam and one horse to be valued at fifty dollars. —
Item, I give unto my daughter Lydia Gray and her Children now begotten and what she may have hereafter forever, one negro man named David,
Item I give unto my son Thomas Bates Junr. One negro man named Will also one negro boy by the name of James and one negro girl named Easter to him and his heirs forever. —
Item I give and bequeath unto my son John Bates one negro man named Solomon, One negro man named Edmund, and One by the name of William.
Item, I give unto my daughter Rebecca Bates One negro woman named Rose,
Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy Bates, one negro boy named Collins, one

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with equal shares of the cattle and horses as before mentioned to her and her heirs forever. — —
Item I give unto my Grand daughter Martha Hawkins four cows and calves that my wife brought with her when I first married her and their increase.
Item I give unto my son Thomas Bates Junior, my Books, notes and accounts to go in part of the payment of my debts.
Item. Lastly I denominate and appoint Thomas Bates Junior, my Son and my Brother Thomas Bates Senr. The Executors of this my last Will and testament Hereby revoking all former wills by me made.
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of March 1810.

Joseph Bates (Seal)

Signed sealed and declared by the said Joseph Bates to be his last Will & testament in the presence of us.
Howell Dupree
John Johnston Senr.
James Dean &
Isaac Johnston

This will was proven in open Court by the oath of James Dean and Isaac Johnston and ordered to be recorded. —
Recorded by me this 26th day of May 1814
Thos Carson Clk.

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21	14	14	Bates	Thomas A	30	M	W	Farmer	160	1130	Alabama										/		21
22				Sarah L	20	F	W	Keeping house			Mississippi												22
23				Francis E	1	M	W				Mississippi												23
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28				Elizabeth	35	F	W	Keeping house			North Carolina		/					/					28
29				William M	8	M	W				Mississippi		/										29
30				Thomas C	4	M	W				Mississippi		/										30
31				Travers	2	M	W				Mississippi		/										31
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34			Hester	James	8	M	B				Mississippi												34
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36				Eliza J	24	F	W	Keeping house			Alabama												36
37				Thomas C	2	M	W				Mississippi												37
38				Augustus E	1	M	W				Mississippi												38
39	18	18	Hester	Louis	17	M	B	Farm Laborer			Mississippi						/	/					39
40			Adams	Charity	35	F	B	Farm Laborer			North Carolina						/	/					40
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No. of dwellings, 728 No. of white females, 1337 No. of males, foreign born, 10
" " families, 728 " " colored males, 556 " " females, " " 6
" " white males, 1257 " " females, 622 " blind, 2

No. of insane, 3
Defectives 1

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